

W. C. T. U. NOTES.



"GIVE ME BACK MY BOY."
The bar-tender sits half asleep, tipped back in his chair against the wall. Two or three stupid customers are waiting for the effects of their drinking to subside sufficiently to give them strength or courage to start for home. Upon a bench over in a dark corner lies one dead drunk. The tallow candles sputter and burn up suddenly as the outer door is slowly pushed open. A pale and sad-faced woman steps in. There are traces of beauty upon her face, but tears have worn great furrows down her cheeks and washed away their bloom. As the thin shawl falls back upon her head we see dishevelled and gray locks of what was once beautiful hair. She steps slowly up to the bar-tender and asks in a dazed and bewildered way, "Where is my boy?" He stolidly points to the bench over in the dark corner. She approaches it. "My boy! No; my boy was fair and beautiful. Health glowed in every vein; joy and happiness sparkled in his eye. He was singing and laughing all the day long. Dear boy! how innocent he was! How he used to smile as he bounded in from school or play, and his pretty impulsive way would say, 'I love you, mother,' and then he would kiss me! He never slept like this when I called him. He never breathed so; like one poisoned. Rumrunner, what have you done to him? Undo your horrid spell and give me back my boy!"

To-day there are thousands in the land pleading with all the agony of a mother's love, "Give me back my boy!" See this pleasant home. To make it attractive nothing that money could buy has been spared. There the before fire, surrounded by everything pleasant and beautiful, sits a mother. Tears, tears, tears! They blind her to everything but her heart sorrow. She has done what she could to save and keep her boy, and tried to lead him upright, but the tempter was stronger than she. Where is her boy to-night? You will find him in some saloon, listening to the language he would blush for his pure mother to hear. He is ashamed of himself, but it is so much easier to go astray than it is to turn back. What silent plea do we read in the mother's tears? Only this, "Give me back my boy!"

Let us go down the narrow street or this back alley. See this poor hovel. Rugs take the place of glass in the windows. It looks gloomy and dreary. Sitting alone in the darkness and cold is another mother. She has nothing beautiful about her, no luxury that money could buy; but she would be willing to endure poverty and hunger, if she had her boy, her once noble boy, by her side. He would be sunshine enough. She would be the richest woman in the land if she had him. Now she has almost ceased praying. God seems to have forgotten, and her lonely heart-cry is this, "How long, oh, how long?" Tears! She has no tears now. She wept them all away long ago. Her mute appeal is, "Give me back my boy!"—*Morning Star.*

ON WHICH SIDE ARE YOU?

1. The Christian ministers.
 2. The college professors.
 3. All the Good Templars.
 4. All members of the W. C. T. U.
 5. All public school teachers.
 6. All conscientious moral citizens.
 7. Upright business and professional men.
 8. The men who spend their evenings at home striving to make life pleasant for wife and children.
 9. Against the Amendment.
 10. The men who shake dice with the bar-tender till they lose all their money and then borrow ten cents to buy a loaf of bread for their hungry children. On which side are you?
- Tennessee Home Journal.*

AN INSTANCE OF AMAZING GRACE.
Brother Gardner, in *Detroit Free Press*.
"I was passing a saloon on odder day to which was seven or eight drunken men. Drink war makin' beasts of 'em. Drink war takin' bread from the mouths of their children. Drink war soak'n' up their brains, bluttin' their manhood, an' dullin' every sentiment of goodness in their hearts. If I had been de Lawd I should hev brung about an explosion to lift dat hul bizness sky-high, an' to hev sent de saloon-keeper about a mile higher dan anybody else, but dat saloon am dar' yit, an' de same crowd kin be found dar' any day, an' dat's proof of sich forbearance an' liberality as we kin skeeally comprehend."

Should prohibition get its clutches on this beautiful land, what would become of the distillery cows?—*Courier-Journal.*

Why, the distillery cows will have to go with all the saloon calves that keep up such a racket of silly bawling about "Personal Liberty," "Sumptuary," and all that. Let the cows go with their calves.—*West Virginia Freeman.*

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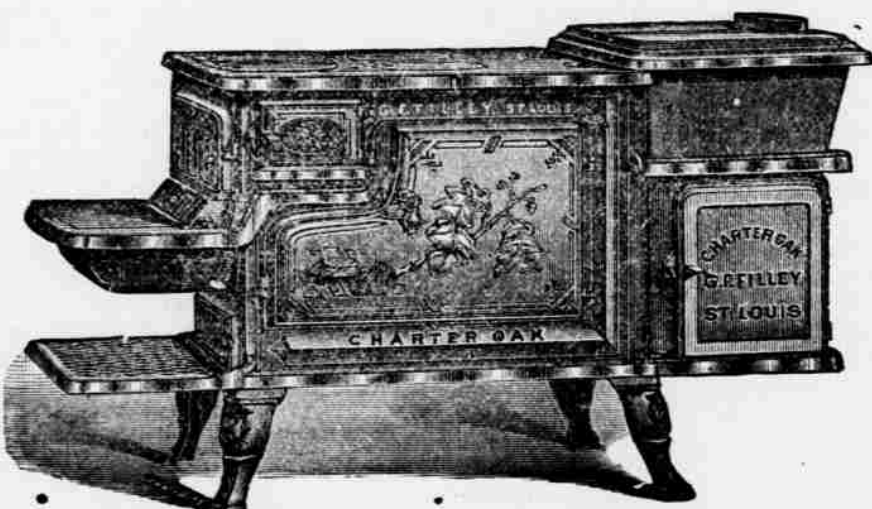
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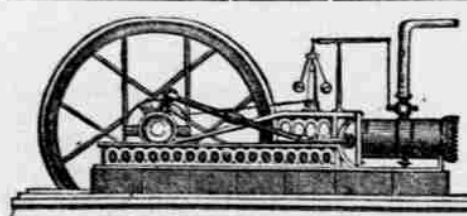
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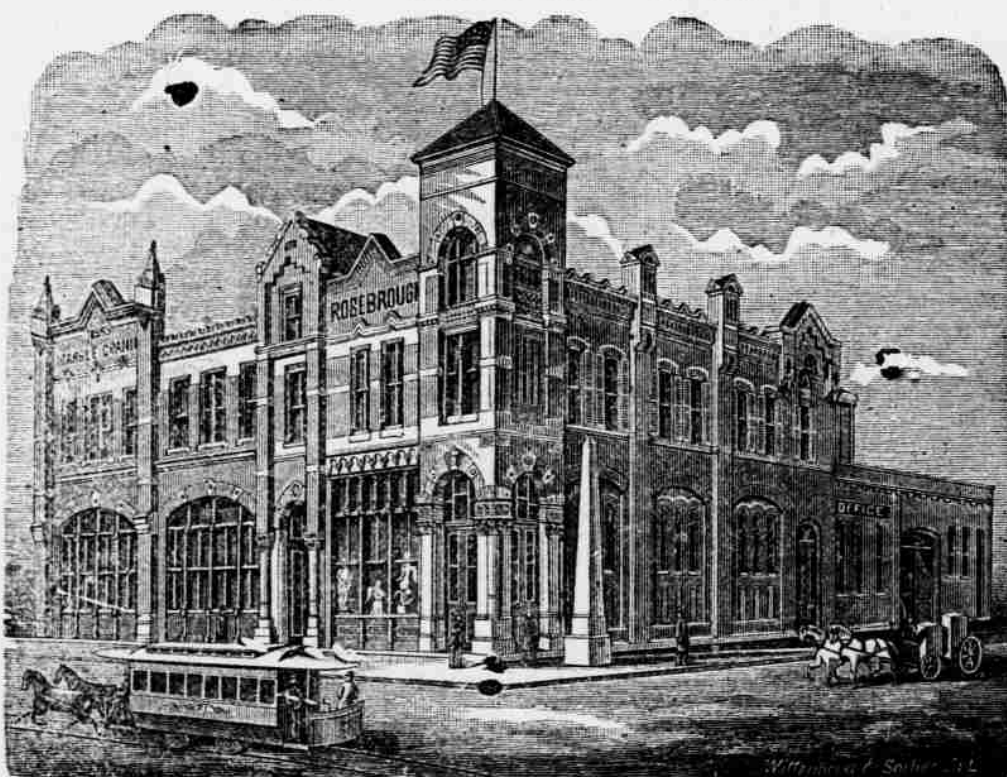
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